

## REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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Precautionary Designation Statement: In addition to the designations made above, the applicant also makes under Rule 4.9(b) all other designations which would be permitted under the PCT except any designation(s) indicated in the Supplemental Box as being excluded from the scope of this statement. The applicant declares that those additional designations are subject to confirmation and that any designation which is not confirmed before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date is to be regarded as withdrawn by the applicant at the expiration of that time limit. (Confirmation (including fees) must reach the receiving Office within the 15-month time limit.)

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- (ii) if, in Box No. II or in any of the sub-boxes of Box No. III, the indication "the States indicated in the Supplemental Box" is checked: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. II" or "Continuation of Box No. III" or "Continuation of Boxes No. II and No. III" (as the case may be), indicate the name of the applicant(s) involved and, next to (each) such name, the State(s) (and/or, where applicable, ARIPO, Eurasian, European or OAPI patent) for the purposes of which the named person is applicant;
- (iii) if, in Box No. II or in any of the sub-boxes of Box No. III, the inventor or the inventor/applicant is not inventor for the purposes of all designated States or for the purposes of the United States of America: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. II" or "Continuation of Box No. III" or "Continuation of Boxes No. II and No. III" (as the case may be), indicate the name of the inventor(s) and, next to (each) such name, the State(s) (and/or, where applicable, ARIPO, Eurasian, European or OAPI patent) for the purposes of which the named person is inventor;
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- (vi) if, in Box No. VI, there are more than five earlier applications whose priority is claimed: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. VI" and indicate for each additional earlier application the same type of information as required in Box No. VI.
- If, with regard to the precautionary designation statement contained in Box No. V, the applicant wishes to exclude any State(s) from the scope of that statement: in such case, write "Designation(s) excluded from precautionary designation statement" and indicate the name or two-letter code of each State so excluded.

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Sheet No4						
Box No. VI PRIORATY	CLAIM					
The priority of the following	The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:					
Filing date	Filing date Number Where earlier application is:					
of earlier application (day/month/year)	of earlier application	national application: country	regional application:* regional Office	international application: receiving Office		
item (1)						
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item (2)						
item (3)						
item (4)						
item (5)						
Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box.						
The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) (only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of this international application is the receiving Office) identified above as:    all items   item (1)   item (2)   item (3)   item (4)   item (5)   Symplemental Box						
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* Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, indicate at least one country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or one Member of the World Trade Organization for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)):						
Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY						
Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) (if two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used):						
ISA / EP						
Request to use results of earlier search; reference to that search (if an earlier search has been carried out by or requested from the						
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Box No. VIII DECLARATIONS						
The following declarations are contained in Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) (mark the applicable check-boxes below and indicate in the right column the number of each type of declaration):  Number of declarations						
Box No. VIII (i)	Declaration as to the ident	ity of the inventor		:		
Box No. VIII (ii)	Box No. VIII (ii)  Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent:  1					
Box No. VIII (iii) Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application :						

Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the

Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty

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United States of America)

Box No. VIII (iv)

Box No. VIII (v)

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PAY NO VIII (ii) DECLARATION: ENTITLEMENT TO APPLY FOR AND BE GRANTED A PAT	Day No. 1/111 (ii)	DECLARATION	· FNTITLEMENT TO APPLY FOR	AND BE GRANTED A PATI
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plaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 212; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (ii). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51bis.1(a)(ii)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:

In relation to this International Application,

Christy Cummins is entitled to apply for and be granted a patent by virtue of the following:

Christy Cummins of 9 Furnes Masnor, Johnstown, Naas, County Kildare, Ireland is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection is sought by way of this international application;

Paul Hooi is entitled to apply for and be granted a patent by virtue of the following:

Paul Hooi of 105 Broadford Hill, Ballinteer, Dublin 16, Ireland is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection is sought by way of this international application;

This declaration is made for the purposes of all designations

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (ii)".

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DECLARATION: INVENTORSHIP (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America) Box No. VIII (iv) Time claration must conform to the following standardized wording provided for in Section 214; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in seneral) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (iv). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

## Declaration of inventorship (Rules 4.17(iv) and 51bis.1(a)(iv))

for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America:			
I hereby declare that I believe I am the original, first and sole (if only is listed below) inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for	one inventor is listed below) or joint (if more than one inventor or which a patent is sought.		
This declaration is directed to the international application of which i	it forms a part (if filing declaration with application).		
This declaration is directed to international application No. PCT/ to Rule $26ter$ ).	(if furnishing declaration pursuant		
I hereby declare that my residence, mailing address, and citizenship a	are as stated next to my name.		
I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the a said application. I have identified in the request of said application, and I have identified below, under the heading "Prior Applications," Organization, day, month and year of filing, any application for a pate States of America, including any PCT international application design having a filing date before that of the application on which foreign prior	in compliance with PCT Rule 4.10, any claim to foreign priority, by application number, country or Member of the World Trade ent or inventor's certificate filed in a country other than the United ating at least one country other than the United States of America, prity is claimed.		
Prior Applications:			
I hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, mat of the prior application and the PCT international filing date of the continuation.	terial information which became available between the filing date ntinuation-in-part application.		
I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledgare believed to be true; and further that these statements were made made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any	with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful		
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timely received papers or drawings complete the purported international application:	ng				
Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2):		not received:			
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